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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES

SUMMARY: NICARAGUA, JORDAN, JAPAN AND YUGOSLAVIA ADDRESSED COMMITTEE AT AM AUGUST 9 MEETING. JORDAN, FIRST ARAB SPEAKER, RAISED ISSUES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND STATE ACTION. PM MEETING CANCELLED DUE LACK OF SPEAKERS. END SUMMARY.

1. NICARAGUA REFERRED TO EXISTING CONVENTIONS ON HIJACKING AND PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS AS EXAMPLES OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE FRG DRAFT.
2. JORDAN, FIRST ARAB SPEAKER, SAID NEED FOR A CONVENTION SHOULD NOT LEAD TO A CONVENTION WHICH WOULD PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL MANHUNTS. SAID EVEN CRIMINALS HAVE RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY, EVEN WHEN PROSECUTED OR EXTRADITED. SAID THAT MANY STATES DIFFERENTIATED BETWEEN CRIMINAL AND POLITICAL CRIMES IN THE MUNICIPAL LAWS. SAID THAT FRG DEFINITION OF HOSTAGE TAKING IN ARTICLE 1 OMITTED INSTANCES WHERE STATES HAD TAKEN WHOLE PEOPLES HOSTAGE.

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3. JAPAN SAID TAKING OF HOSTAGES STRAINS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND THEREFORE CALLS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE. SAID THAT EXISTING CONVENTIONS FAILED TO COVER ALL TAKINGS OF HOSTAGES AND THAT THE FRG DRAFT FILLS THE GAP.

4. YUGOSLAVIA SAID THAT THE FRG DRAFT PROVIDED GOOD BASIS FOR WORK ON A PROBLEM REQUIRING URGENT SOLUTION. MADE FOLLOWING

PRELIMINARY SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE DRAFT:
STATES SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT OCCURENCES TO TAKINGS OF HOSTAGES
BY TAKING ACTION AGAINST ORGANIZATIONS WHICH THEY KNOW EXIST
WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION WHICH ADVOCATE TERRORISM; THAT
THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES AGAINST COLONIAL AND RACIST REGIMES
CANNOT BE IGNORED; THAT THE CONVENTION SHOULD BE WIDELY
SUPPORTED IN ORDER TO PREVENT SAFE HAVENS.
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